(iii) Fulfilment of unmet needs of contraceptives through provision of integrated service delivery at village level.

(iv) Information, Education and Communication Programme to create awareness about the benefits of small family.

(v) Provision of additional inputs in weaker States/Districts.

More time for education on TV

*294. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government are aware that considerable amount of TV time is now being given to entertainment (dances etc.);

(b)whether Government propose to devote more time towards education especially on the advanced sciences to students at the PUC stage to improve leaching as teachers are usually not qualified to do this and restrict themselves to examination preparation; and

(c)if so, how and by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The primary duty of Prasar Bharati is to organize and conduct public Broadcasting Services to inform, educate and entertain the public. Doordarshan's endeavour is to promote telecast of educational programmes on its channels. According to Prasar Bharati, the percentage-wise time spent on programmes relating to education on the National Network, Regional Services and local Kcndras is 13%, 29.9% and 50% respectively.

Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a 24 hours Educational Channel called "Gyan Darshan", in collaboration with Prasar Bharati and Indira Gandhi National Open University. This channel covers programmes for students of primary and secondary levels.

The Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Educational Technology, has set up six State Institutes of Educational Technology to produce educational programmes including programmes on Science. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has also launched 'Cyan Vani" FM radio station and 40 such Radio Stations are being set-up in a phased manner. Assistance is also provided to States/UTs, by the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education,

for purchase and Installation of Colour Televisions & Radio-cum-Cassette Players in schools to facilitate reception of such programmes.

Procedural deficiencies in disinvestment of ITDCand HCI

*295. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disinvestment from ITDC and Hotel Corporation of India hotels has been held up for certain procedural deficiencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any difference of opinion between his Ministry and Ministry of Finance on the issue;

(d) if so, why the same could not be sorted out before approving the proposal for disinvestment in hotels; and

(e) by when, notices inviting tenders for disinvestment in hotels are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JATTLEY): (a) to (e) Sir, there are no procedural deficiencies in the disinvestment of ITDC and Hotel Corporation of India hotels. There is also no difference of opinion between the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Disinvestment. The position about inviting tenders for disinvestment in hotels of ITDC and Hotel Corporation of India is given as under :

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)

Expressions of Interest were invited for 17 hotels (8 in the 1st tranche & 9 in the 2nd tranche). After due diligence by the qualified parlies and finalization of transaction documents, financial bids were invited for the 8 hotels advertised in the 1st tranche. No bids/complaint bids were received for two hotels and in respect of the remaining 6 hotels, 8 bids in all were received and the respective highest bids in each of the 6 hotels have been accepted by Government. The bids in respect of the 9 hotels advertised in the 2nd tranche are yet to be invited. In respect of the remaining hotels, the advertisement inviting Expression of Interest is yet to be issued

Hotel Corporation of India

A sub-committee was constituted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to oversee the process of disinvestment of HCI and a Global Advisor was appointed